

Engler appoints 7 local residents to state boards

State Capital capsules:
Gov. John Engler has made a long list of appointments of area residents to state boards and commissions, including:

- Bureau of Workers Disability Compensation, with consent of the Senate:

- Jack Wheatley, Grand Ledge, reappointed as director, for a term expiring Feb. 1, 2000. A former General Motors counsel, Wheatley was first appointed in 1991. He has degrees in pharmacy and law from Wayne State University.

- Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, which conducts hearings in disputes that arise under the Workers' Disability Compensation Act (all terms expire Jan. 26, 2001): Susan Cope, Troy, formerly an attorney with the law firm of Lacey & Jones in Birmingham.

- LaNita Halth, West Bloomfield, currently a member of the board.

- John Hurbis, Bloomfield Township, formerly a trial attorney for the Accident Fund Co. since 1987.

- Board of Psychology, which provides for the licensure and examination of psychologists (all terms expire Dec. 31, 2000):

- Mary Nave, Beverly Hills, psychotherapist in private practice, representing limited licensed psychologists.

- Jack Haynes, Bloomfield Hills, psychologist in private practice, reappointed to represent professionals.

- Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, which disburses funds to arts organizations and helps arts groups raise their own funding:

- Elizabeth Jojaian, Bloomfield Hills, appointed to replace Elizabeth Ujohahia of Kalamazoo, for a term ending Sept. 1, 1998.

- Civil Rights Commission, which develops and administers policies for the Department of Civil Rights:

- Sandra Berlin, West Bloomfield, co-owner of the W.W. Group, Inc., reappointed for a term expiring Dec. 31, 1999.

New laws

Gov. John Engler has signed these bills into law:

- **Bowling bots** — House Bill 6114, to allow low-stakes gambling in bowling alleys and nursing homes. "Mystery Game, Strike Game and Red Pin have been around for decades. This bill will prevent

unfortunate situations where inebriated citizens could be arrested or ticketed for laying these games," Engler said.

Bowling games must be league sponsored, with only league members participating, and total fee may not exceed \$5.

- **Nursing home games** are limited to bets of 25 cents with a \$5 limit on any one hand.

Spurred by 250,000 signatures of bowlers, the measure was sponsored by Rep. David Jaye, R-Macomb County.

- **FOIA Curbs** — House Bill 4849, curbing the Freedom of Information Act. Engler said the act will be improved by allowing requests to be made by electronic mail and fax. Sponsor is Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

- **Insurance discounts** — PA 514, to require auto insurers to provide premium discounts to customers whose vehicles have safety features. They include anti-lacerative glass, air bags, anti-lock brakes, enhanced sidewall protection and stronger bumpers.

The sponsor, Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, said the discounts will provide an incentive for consumers to buy safer vehicles.

Gorcyca, Ionia prosecutor at odds over case evidence

BY PAT MURPHY
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The two county prosecutors most visibly associated with Dr. Jack Kevorkian have spent some time together.

But they didn't discuss much, especially their respective views about what should be done on the issue of assisted suicide or Kevorkian, its leading advocate.

Oakland Prosecutor David G. Gorcyca and Ionia Prosecutor Raymond Voet both attended a meeting of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (PAAM) recently at Shanty Creek.

With about 15 other prosecuting attorneys, Gorcyca and Voet — who had spoken on the phone, but never met — spent several days together as part of PAAM's midwinter meeting.

"We said 'hello,'" said Gorcyca. "But that's about it. I really didn't want to talk with him."

The feeling was mutual, according to Voet. "We were in the same room at the same time," he said, "but that was about it. We didn't have much to say to each other."

Relations between the two have been icy since Jan. 15,

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Raymond Voet
—Ionia Prosecutor

when Ionia investigators — armed with a search warrant — seized five or six items from the Bloomfield Township police.

Gorcyca said he was miffed because Voet "didn't extend the professional courtesy" of notifying him first.

Voet said he saw no need to notify Oakland officials since it was Gorcyca's office that called the Ionia office and called attention to motions from Kevorkian's attorneys seeking the return of items belonging to their clients.

"They (Oakland prosecutors) sent us a letter," Voet said, "and then we had a telephone conversation. I interpreted that to mean do what I had to do."

Voet said his office then con-

tacted township police asking for the evidence which included a video of Loretta Fumby consulting with Kevorkian and Janet Good.

Bloomfield Township police acknowledge asking Ionia investigators to first obtain a court order. Then police chief Jeffrey Werner notified Gorcyca's office; they would consider giving up the evidence as a routine transfer of property.

"I really didn't think any further notification was necessary," said Voet. "To me it (Gorcyca's comments on lack of professional courtesy) sounded like the left hand didn't know what the right hand was doing."

"But Mr. Gorcyca has only been in office for about four weeks, so I can understand a breakdown in communications," Voet said. "I'm not particularly offended by his remarks."

The two prosecutors will have another chance to confer — and exchange pleasantries — Thursday when Voet personally comes to Oakland County to argue his position in 48th District Court.

As of last week, however, the pair had no plans to get together.

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named "Doctor Death." Ever a bachelor, his hobbies are mostly private, classical music, painting and an occasional golf or poker game. Although he attended Armenian Churches in Dearborn and Southfield, Kevorkian never discusses his personal religious beliefs, but takes verbal jabs at what he considers the "religious right," including Gov. John

Engler and Catholic judges.

Good, is a devout Catholic, although she admits being at odds with the church's doctrine on abortion, women priests and assisted suicide.

She has been married to Ray Good — a retired Detroit police officer with a reputation for being tough and fair — for almost 50 years.

Good has been a professional woman for much of her life. As an equal employment officer for the state of Michigan, she changed the standards and procedure on dealing with sexual discrimination — work that led to her induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1991.

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